United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

E.B., Appellant	_))
and) Docket No. 21-1281
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, White River Junction, VT, Employer) Issued: April 5, 2022)) _)
Appearances: Appellant, pro se Office of Solicitor, for the Director	Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:

ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On August 24, 2021 appellant filed an appeal from a purported August 18, 2021 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 21-1281.

The Board, having duly considered the matter, notes that its jurisdiction is limited to the review of final adverse OWCP decisions issued under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.¹ This jurisdiction encompasses any final decision issued by OWCP within 180 days of the date appellant filed this appeal.² Although the case record does contain a letter from OWCP dated August 18, 2021, it is informational in nature. Thus, it does not constitute a final adverse OWCP decision.³ As there is no final adverse OWCP decision over which the Board may properly

¹ 5 U.S.C. § 8101 et seq.; 20 C.F.R. §§ 501.2(c) and 501.3(a).

² 20 C.F.R. § 501.3(e) provides in pertinent part: "Any notice of appeal must be filed within 180 days from the date of issuance of a decision of the OWCP."

³ See Order Dismissing Appeal, K.S., Docket No. 20-1401 (issued March 17, 2021); Order Dismissing Appeal, S.U., Docket No. 20-0636 (issued December 3, 2020) (correspondence that is purely informational in nature does not constitute a final adverse decision of OWCP from which appellant may properly appeal). *Id.* at §§ 501.2(c) and 501.3(a).

exercise jurisdiction, the Board concludes that the appeal docketed as Docket No. 21-1281 must be dismissed. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the appeal docketed as No. 21-1281 is dismissed.⁴

Issued: April 5, 2022 Washington, DC

> Alec J. Koromilas, Chief Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

> Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

⁴ The Board's decisions and orders are "final upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of their issuance." *Id.* at § 501.6(d).